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MEMORANDUM FOR: Representatives to the Ad Hoc Warning Committee

SUBJECT: Revitalizing the Watch Mechanism

REFERENCE: USIB-D-29.1/9 of 27 August 1974

1. USIB members have concurred in the establishment of an ad hoc committee to revamp the Watch Committee/NIC mechanism and streamline the strategic warning process, as proposed by General Graham in his memorandum of 27 August 1974. The committee will consist of the following individuals:

<div data-bbox="457 1022 808 1066"></div> (Chairman)	IC Staff
Mr. Robert Baraz	State
<div data-bbox="457 1102 1039 1245"></div>	DIA
	DIA
	CIA
	NSA
Mr. Maurice Eisenstein	AEC
Col. Theodore Crampton (Alternate)	AEC
Maj. Douglas Emery	Army
Cmdr. James Bartholomew	Navy
Lt. Col. Edward C. Redican	Air Force
Mr. Richard Lehman	Acting Chairman, Watch Committee
<div data-bbox="457 1507 912 1535"></div>	Acting Chairman, NIC

2. The above listed individuals are invited to the first meeting of the committee, which will be held at 3:00 p.m. on 30 September in Room 6-E-0708 of the CIA Headquarters building at Langley.

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3. I am forwarding to you herewith copies of a staff study, Revitalizing the USIB Watch Mechanism, prepared under the aegis of the Acting Chairman of the Watch Committee. This paper addresses most, if not all, of the issues that the committee will need to address, and its review would therefore appear to be a useful point of departure for the committee's work.

4. Please get in touch with me [] b) if you have any questions concerning the meeting scheduled for 30 September.

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There is an urgent need, perceived within and outside the intelligence community, to revamp the USIB Watch Mechanism.

The attached report represents the suggestions of intelligence officers who have participated in recent years in the activities of the present Watch Committee.

Their basic conclusions are that there should be:

1. a USIB community Watch machinery to continue to serve as a discipline to prod existing community offices in their handling of the priority objective on intelligence concerning possible enemy attack.

2. a revitalization of the USIB community's Watch machinery especially to enable it to operate efficiently in the

3. an updating and a narrowing of the priorities of the Watch structure to concentrate on the more direct threats to

the US, especially from the USSR and China.

4. a small Strategic Warning Committee Staff, which would have a new stress on flexibility and on turning out timely, continuous reporting on warning intelligence situations, and would have a capability for research on warning intelligence methodology.

5. a new central location for the staff, to place it at CIA or DIA, where it can be near the analytical support and communications that it must share.

6. a Strategic Warning Committee to review broader, longer range indicators of hostilities regularly, and to hold special meetings in cases of more imminent threat.

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It is recommended that:

1. USIB be asked to approve the report in principle,
2. that a small, ad hoc working group be established under USIB to sort out such details as the staffing, location, mechanics of producing reports, etc., and
3. that the DCI issue a new DCID 1/5 (a proposed draft is also attached) to cover this activity.

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